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Hungarian Signal Training Camp near Kismaros

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inductees were sent to the barracks installation of the signal unit  
in Vác (Q 48/H 65).

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Having been uniformed in two days, the soldiers were sent to  
the signal training camp near Kismaros (Q 48/H 56), 10 km northwest of  
Vác. \*

2. The signal training camp was located on the northern bank of the Danube River, about 1 km northeast of Kismaros, and consisted predominantly of 6-man and 30-man tents. The camp headquarters and five regiments, designated 1st through 5th Regt were located there. These regiments were also referred to as the 10th, 20th, 40th, 60th and 80th units. Personnel of the camp headquarters known to source included the commander, the deputy commander, the supply officer, the signal officer, 3 physicians and about 20 officers and NCOs. The 1st Regt trained telephone operators, the 2d, 3d, and 5th Regts trained radio operators and the 4th Regt retrained NCOs of the former Hungarian Army. The camp was occupied by a total of about 6,000 men. Northeast of it, 1 km north of Nograderbica (Q 48/H 56), was a so-called infantry camp. Source knew no details.


3. The 2d Regt, [ ] was organized into the headquarters, the headquarters company, and the 1st, 2d, and 3d Bns. Personnel of the headquarters included the commanding officer, the political officer, the counterintelligence officer, two other officers and some clerks. The headquarters company consisted of about 40 drivers, 10 medical soldiers and some craftsmen. The 1st Bn was organized into the headquarters and three companies. The headquarters consisted of the commanding officer, the political officer, the adjutant and two NCOs. Each company had a company headquarters and 3 platoons of 4 squads each and numbered about 130 men. The 2d and 3d Bns were apparently organized like the 1st Bn.


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5. The soldiers were armed with model M-43 x 7.62-mm rifles; some of the squad leaders had 7.62-mm submachine guns, and the officers carried pistols. Available radio sets were of types R/7.B and R/20 and, if needed, were issued to the individual training groups. Each company had 3 electronic audio oscillators for transmitting the Morse code. The camp headquarters was equipped with about 40 motor vehicles, including 4 radio trucks, 1 ZIS truck, 4 Raba trucks, about 25 American trucks, 2 jeeps and 3 weapon carriers. \*\*
6. The period of training was 6 months. During the first three weeks, construction work was done in the camp. Infantry basic training was held during the fourth week. Radio communication training started in the fifth week. Speed in transmitting the Morse code was given more emphasis than theoretical instruction and technical knowledge. The minimum speed demanded was 8 words per minute. When released, average trainees had arrived at a speed of 10 words per minute. A major general, about 45 years old, repeatedly came to inspect the camp and, twice, was accompanied by a Soviet officer. Soldiers referred to him as the state signal commander from the Ministry of National Defense. From 20 August to 3 September 1951, the regiments moved out for maneuvers held in the border area between the Budapest-Miskolc railroad line and the Ipoly River. These maneuvers involved infantry, artillery, AAA and air force units and included a firing practice with live ammunition.
7. Most of the soldiers, who came from all parts of the country, were members of the 1923 through 1927 classes; the rest were of the 1919 through 1922 classes. They were paid 2 forints per day. Discipline in the camp was lax. Even when officers were present, the radio operators frequently listened to transmissions from the West.

25X1 \*  Comment. The report confirms a signal unit in Vac.

\*\*  Comment. Radio sets R/7 B and R/20 are Hungarian standard types. The latter is a newer set.

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